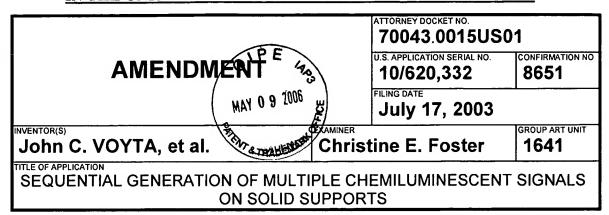
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## Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 9, 2006, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.